

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1. (currently amended) An apparatus for containing debris, the apparatus comprising:
2 a non-conductive outer sheath having an open proximal end and a ~~distal end~~ bottom;
3 one or more first magnets coupled near the proximal end of the outer sheath;
4 one or more second magnets, positioned between the ~~distal end~~ bottom of the outer
5 sheath and a ~~distal end~~ bottom of a removable inner bag, to attract metallic
6 debris that enters the removable inner bag; and
7 the removable inner bag having an open proximal end, wherein the inner bag is
8 disposed within the outer sheath, and wherein the inner bag is configured to
9 contain debris.

1 2. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a frame having a proximal portion and distal portion with an opening through the
3 proximal and distal portions;
4 wherein the open proximal end of the outer sheath is coupled to the frame and the
5 ~~distal end~~ bottom of the outer sheath extends away from the frame, and
6 wherein the open proximal end of the outer sheath encompasses the opening
7 of the frame;
8 wherein the open proximal end of the inner bag encompasses the opening of the
9 frame; and
10 wherein the one or more first magnets are coupled near the proximal portion of the
11 frame.

1 3. (original) The apparatus of claim 2,

2 wherein the one or more first magnets includes a plurality of first magnets, and
3 wherein at least two of the plurality of first magnets are located on substantially
4 opposing sides of the opening of the frame.

1 4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising:
2 a metal sheet configured between a magnet of the plurality of first magnets and a
3 respective recess within which the magnet is disposed.

1 5. (original) The apparatus of claim 3,
2 wherein the frame includes a first recess and a second recess; and
3 wherein at least one magnet of the plurality of first magnets is disposed in the first
4 recess and at least one magnet of the plurality of first magnets is disposed in
5 the second recess.

1 6. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the one or more first magnets are
2 configured such that the magnetic forces associated with the one or more first
3 magnets provide magnetic attraction in a direction from the proximal portion of the
4 frame to the distal portion of the frame.

1 7. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the frame is an injection-molded plastic
2 piece.

1 8. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a magnet housing coupled to the outer sheath near the ~~distal end~~ bottom of the outer
3 sheath; and
4 wherein the one or more second magnets are housed by the magnet housing.

1 9. (original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the one or more second magnets have a
2 proximal side and a distal side, the apparatus further comprising:
3 a magnetic shield configured between the distal side of the one or more second
4 magnets and the magnet housing.

1 10. (original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the magnet housing is an injection-
2 molded plastic piece.

1 11. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the outer sheath is tapered
2 from the proximal end to the ~~distal end~~ bottom.

1 12. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the outer sheath is leather.

1 13. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the inner bag is in contact with at least
2 one of the one or more second magnets.

1 14. (withdrawn) A method for containing debris from an operation on a housing
2 containing one or more electrical components, the method comprising:
3 magnetically coupling a tool to an inside conductive surface of the housing, wherein
4 the tool includes
5 one or more first magnets coupled with a proximal end of a non-conductive
6 outer sheath that extends away from the one or more first magnets,
7 wherein the sheath has a distal end and an opening at the proximal
8 end;
9 one or more second magnets coupled with the distal end of the outer sheath;
10 and

11 a removable inner bag contained within the outer sheath, wherein the inner
12 bag has an opening at the proximal end of the outer sheath;
13 creating a hole in the housing at an area that is encompassed by the opening of the
14 inner bag; and
15 wherein debris from the step of creating the hole falls into the inner bag and is
16 contained therein.

1 15. (withdrawn) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
2 removing the inner bag from the outer sheath for disposal of the debris.